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# Beth El Bulletin



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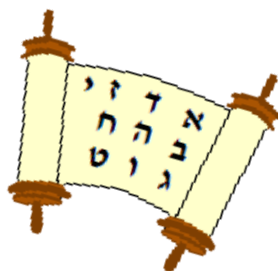
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Edye Newman—Chair

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RABBI

Shana Tovah! It's almost time to welcome in the Jewish New Year and all the promise that comes with a fresh start. The cycle of holy day services is meant to guide us through the process of reflecting on our own, and our communal, year that is ending. By the time we sit together in the Sukkah, we should be reinvigorated and committed to living as our best selves in our best world.

Holy Day services are also a time of reconnecting to the Congregation Beth El community and our shared mission of creating a place where Jewish traditions and values can be nurtured, taught, and celebrated. This year will be my 17th High Holiday services with you, and we are going into our 100<sup>th</sup> year as a congregation. We should celebrate this as proof of the viability and relevance of a Jewish community in Central PA; and at the same time, this longevity should inspire us to do what is necessary for the next 100 years.



# Save These Dates

## High Holy Days

- September 29, 8pm: Erev Rosh Hashana  
September 30, 9:30am: First Day Rosh Hashana,  
followed by Tashlich  
October 1, 9:30am: Second Day Rosh  
Hashana Torah Study;  
10:30am, service begins  
October 8, 6pm: Kol Nidre  
October 9, 9:30am: Yom Kippur Service;  
5pm Evening Service  
followed by community  
break-fast



*L'Shanah Tovah  
Have a sweet year!*



November 1, 8pm &  
November 2, 10am:

Shabbat Services with  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
guest speaker, Dr. Rabbi  
Deborah Waxman,  
President,  
Reconstructing Judaism

**Mazel  
Tov!**

**100 Years!!**

## **P r e s i d e n t i a l   A d d r e s s**

Below is an article written by Sharon's mother that was published in the Harrisburg Community Review this summer. We thought it was relevant to our community. We are happy to report that we have been very proactive in upgrading our security but feel we could do more to reach out to the community in a peaceful, friendly way.

In recent years, we have become increasingly exposed to news of violent gun attacks on innocent children, religious observers and people out enjoying a good time. When these events happen, we cry, and send prayers to the afflicted, but in reality nothing has changed. If anything, the situation is getting worse.

For those of us in the Jewish community it seems anti-Semitism is on the rise, and once again in the history of our people we must look over our shoulders and be aware of our surroundings. As we come together in our places of worship, we are installing increased security and trying to reassure ourselves that we are safe.

This is a tragedy that is unfolding not just here in the U.S. but in other places around the world. We especially think of the attack on the Jewish community in Paris last year. Attacks on Christians in Egypt and on Muslims in China. I believe we need to think of these attacks as not isolated fragmented incidents, but as a global shift in thinking towards violence, possibly linked to a fear of change and the mass movements of populations seeking a safer, more prosperous life for their children.

The sad truth is that nothing can guarantee our safety from an individual with a loaded gun or a knife or even a vehicle and hate in his/her heart. The other sad truth is that we, the people being targeted must bear the expense of these threats.

Some years ago, as we drove on the highways there were signs "beware of aggressive drivers". Why? I wondered as the innocent person must I beware. Now, again, we the innocent must "beware" because some sick people are being stirred up to target us.

These costs are not unsubstantial. To install or increase security can run thousands of dollars. This is money many small, struggling, congregations do not have. Thus, it becomes only the large, prosperous communities that can afford the security thought necessary for protection. The poorer, smaller communities are left with the option of doing nothing and hoping we will remain safe.

Or closing the doors, which is what those who target us want, to have us melt silently into the community and not stand out as persons with different belief systems that are somehow seen as a threat.

One of the slogans that has come to the fore in this time of danger is "Love is stronger than hate." Maybe now is a time to put those words into action. Instead of hiding behind locked doors venture out into the community, reach out to our neighbors of different faiths and try to establish a dialogue. In many local communities there are ecumenical thanksgiving services where many faiths come together to celebrate this quintessentially American holiday. Maybe here is a place to start, to develop more such opportunities for peaceful, friendly contact.

For those of us who are struggling to keep the doors open, facing declining membership and support, I would suggest that now is a time in our history that we need to come together, we can stand as Jews or we can slowly disappear into the assimilated population and know that the forces who hate us have won.

**Elul 5779**

**September 2019**

**Tishrei 5780**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Elul	2 Elul	3 Elul	4 Elul	5 Elul	6 Elul	7 Elul
Rosh Chodesh						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8 Elul	9 Elul	10 Elul	11 Elul	12 Elul	13 Elul	14 Elul
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
15 Elul	16 Elul	17 Elul	18 Elul	19 Elul	20 Elul	21 Elul
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
22 Elul	23 Elul	24 Elul	25 Elul	26 Elul	27 Elul	28 Elul
29	30					
29 Elul	1 Tishrei					
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Rosh Hashanah					

# September Calendar of Events

9/6-Shabbat Service, 8pm

9/7-Shabbat Service, 10am

9/13-Shabbat Service, 8pm

9/15-Hebrew School Begins, 9:30am

9/20-Shabbat Service, 8pm

9/22-Hebrew School 9:30am

9/27-Shabbat Service, 8pm

9/29-Erev Rosh Hashana Service, 8pm

9/29-No Hebrew School

9/30-Rosh Hashana Service, 9:30am



**Tishrei 5780**

**October 2019**

**Cheshvan 5780**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		2 Tishrei	3 Tishrei	4 Tishrei	5 Tishrei	6 Tishrei
		Rosh Hashanah				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
7 Tishrei	8 Tishrei	9 Tishrei	10 Tishrei	11 Tishrei	12 Tishrei	13 Tishrei
			Erev Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
14 Tishrei	15 Tishrei	16 Tishrei	17 Tishrei	18 Tishrei	19 Tishrei	20 Tishrei
Erev Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
21 Tishrei	22 Tishrei	23 Tishrei	24 Tishrei	25 Tishrei	26 Tishrei	27 Tishrei
		Simchat Torah				
27	28	29	30	31		
28 Tishrei	29 Tishrei	30 Tishrei	1 Cheshvan	2 Cheshvan		
		Rosh Chodesh	Rosh Chodesh			



# October Calendar of Events

10/1-Rosh Hashana Service, 9:30am

10/4-Shabbat Service, 8pm

10/6-Hebrew School, 9:30am

10/8-Kol Nidre Service, 6pm

10/11-Shabbat Service, 8pm

10/13-Hebrew School, 9:30am

10/14-Sukkot Morning Service, 10am

10/16-Pizza in the Hut, 5:30pm

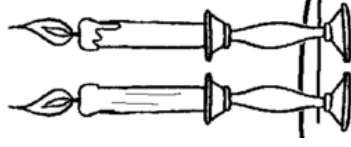
10/18-Shabbat Service, 8pm

10/20-Hebrew School, 9:30am

10/21-Erev Simchat Torah Service, 7pm

10/22-Simchat Torah, with Yizkor, 8:30am

10/27-Hebrew School, 9:30am



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## September Jahrzeit

Marvin L. Buckler	1	Elul	9/1
Charlotte Jacobson	1	Elul	9/1
Rose Jacobson	2	Elul	9/2
Seymour Jacobson	2	Elul	9/2
Arthur Spector	3	Elul	9/3
Reuben Zynger	3	Elul	9/3
Martin Hutterer	5	Elul	9/5
Saul Miller	5	Elul	9/5
Jennie Ullman	6	Elul	9/6
Joseph Ullman	6	Elul	9/6
Morris Apfelbaum	7	Elul	9/7
Dr. Joel Hartman	9	Elul	9/9
Lester Freedman	12	Elul	9/12
Fay Greenfield	12	Elul	9/12
Joseph Adler	14	Elul	9/14
Gertrude Cohen	17	Elul	9/17
Arnold Minker	17	Elul	9/17
Saul Putterman	19	Elul	9/18
Margeurite Bernstein	19	Elul	9/19
Bertha Heyman	19	Elul	9/19
Reuben Tizes	19	Elul	9/19
Max Silverberg	20	Elul	9/20
Harry Weis	20	Elul	9/20
Jack Kolbert	21	Elul	9/21
Hyman Rubenstein	21	Elul	9/21
Louis Keiserman	23	Elul	9/23
Bernard Hoffman	24	Elul	9/24
Mary Marateck	25	Elul	9/25
Joseph Hirsch	26	Elul	9/26
Samuel Rosenblum	26	Elul	9/26
Rose Barrow	27	Elul	9/27
Benjamin Kass	28	Elul	9/28
Harris Bernstein	29	Elul	9/29
Beth Stiefel-Itoh	29	Elul	9/29
Joseph Newman	1	Tishrei	9/30



## October Jahrzeit

Aaron Berman	2	Tishrei	10/1
Frederick Golden	5	Tishrei	10/4
Melba Kaufman	6	Tishrei	10/5
Samuel Osterweil	7	Tishrei	10/6
Joshua Harton	10	Tishrei	10/9
Evelyn Karniol	10	Tishrei	10/9
Ignaz Karniol	10	Tishrei	10/9
Irving Steinberg	10	Tishrei	10/9
Albert Hyman	11	Tishrei	10/10
Mervyn Speck	11	Tishrei	10/10
Lillian Lessey	12	Tishrei	10/11
Hyman Amdurer	13	Tishrei	10/12
Charles L. Goldsmith	15	Tishrei	10/14
Betty Glazer	17	Tishrei	10/16
Marty Bayer	18	Tishrei	10/17
Meyer Millner	19	Tishrei	10/18
Stanley Israel	19	Tishrei	10/18
Ira Summerson	19	Tishrei	10/18
Sam Kolmen	21	Tishrei	10/20
Rosalind Penziner Polinsky	22	Tishrei	10/21
Katie Zukowsky	23	Tishrei	10/22
Jerome Striman	24	Tishrei	10/23
Daniela Abreu	25	Tishrei	10/24
Jacob Feldser	25	Tishrei	10/24
Ernestine Hirsch	26	Tishrei	10/25
Albert Emil Gedrich	27	Tishrei	10/26
Bertha Greenberg	27	Tishrei	10/26
Marcia J. Hammer	28	Tishrei	10/27
Marcia Schultz	28	Tishrei	10/27
Dr. Edward Suchman	29	Tishrei	10/28
Jerome Adler	30	Tishrei	10/29
Wolf Freedman	30	Tishrei	10/29
Fanny Wall	1	Cheshvan	10/30
Julius Kador	2	Cheshvan	10/31
Ruth Weiss	2	Cheshvan	10/31
Robert Lyons	3	Cheshvan	11/1



# Mishaberach List



Jan Byron

Walter Hershman

Bernice Speck

Gloria Schwartz

Norma Yohai

*\*\*Please note: Names have been removed from the Mishaberach List if we have not heard from you in over a year. If you would like to add a name, please contact Rabbi Nina:  
rabbi@beth-el-sunbury.org*

Please check our website for updates on the  
Mishaberach list.

## Thoughts of Strength

Our voices and minds are joined as a community to ask  
for the strength to see our friends and family through  
times of sickness and strife. May our thoughts help bring  
healing to those in need



## Those in the First Year of Passing

Anne Silverman

Terese Benzwei

*May their memories be  
bound up in the Book of  
the Righteous.*



*Remember to kindle the  
memorial candle on the evening  
before the yahrzeit date.*



# Please Help!

Have you been wondering how you can best help at Congregation Beth El? We always emphasize a need for volunteers but we are now in need of donations.

We are currently undergoing roof and AC repair. Our building is 10 years old and we need to keep up with necessary maintenance to help sustain us for the future.

You can help by making sure that next time you donate you specify that your donation go towards the operating fund. This fund allocates your donation to our operating budget and then your money can go towards anything needed for the Congregation in the months ahead.

If you would like to donate you can either send a check made out to Congregation Beth El to the Temple address or you can go to the website and donate online. Again, please indicate that your donation should be applied to the Operating Fund

As always we appreciate any donation, large or small.

Thank you.



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We hope you are finding the bulletin informative and entertaining. The congregation's bulletin has a long history. Over the years and across decades it has served as an engine to inform the Beth-El community of temple events as well as the comings, goings, arrivals and passings of our friends and neighbors in our small but vital Jewish community.

Stretching back through the years, the Congregation Beth-El Bulletin has been edited by members who have given their time, and a little bit of sweat, dedicated to the task of keeping our temple family informed and involved. The current editorial staff hopes that with this incarnation of the temple bulletin we live up to the good work of our predecessors. Let us know what you think.

We would also like to invite businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring the bulletin to contact us.

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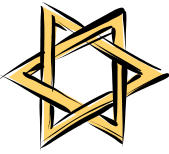
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